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IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF HAT-BODIES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **173**, dated April 20, 1837.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH MOORE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Body for Hats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same.

The body is formed of cloth, the warp of which is strong cotton-yarn and the weft of alternate layers of strong cotton-yarn and whalebone, or otherwise made of split whalebone, attached to any kind of cloth by an adhesive water-proof composition. The bodies of both kinds are joined at the sides by needle-work. The brims and crowns are made of the same material, and I have also made them with brims of canton-flannel and of felt and the crowns of layers of muslin of different degrees of strength.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The application of whalebone to hat-bodies, by which they will be rendered more elastic and durable than those made of felt, calico, or any other substance.

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